

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 February 2021

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be
day?'
Risen I think, 'how slowly evening
comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,

he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is
a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

**He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering**

Alleluia!



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am
(weekday Masses are currently suspended)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office
(Baptisms are currently suspended)

Anniversaries 7- February to 13- February:

Edith Mary Reilly, Eileen Lewis Zammit, Marie Moroney, Fred Myers, Lorna Peart, Peter Goss, Vin Torpy, Lorna Higginbotham and Sylvia Snooks.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Annabel Clatworthy, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:
<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS **

There is currently no need to book for our regular weekend Masses, however, Church and hall capacities, check-in, contact tracing and all other COVID guidelines (including the wearing of masks indoors), apply and remain in place.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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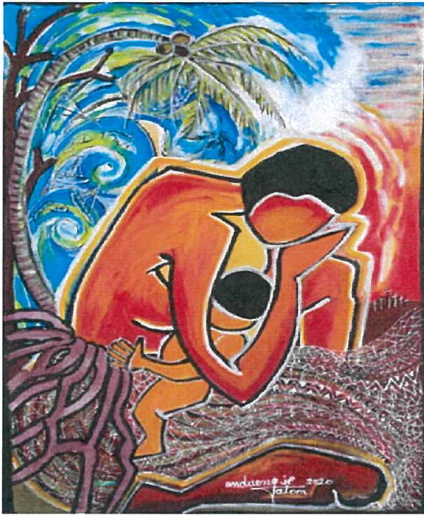
Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Short term lend of a wheelchair: would you have an unused wheelchair at home that you are happy to lend out for a few months? If you are able to assist, please contact Beverley & Dan O'Meara on 0425 561 306.

Sacramental Program 2021: classes for the students enrolled within the 2020 program will recommence on **Tuesday 16 February** at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (68 John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove); **4:00pm** for Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist classes and **5:00pm** for Confirmation class. Classes for 2021 students will commence mid-year. Families and schools will be notified in the coming months. For the latest program information, please visit our website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/.

Lent 2021: the Faith Development Group is sourcing the booklet, 'Look to Jesus,' a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups. *Look to Jesus* will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. We hope to run at least two discussion groups (one during the day and the other in the evening). The expected cost is between \$5.00 and \$6.00 each. For more information, please contact either: Sandra Gould 0418 537 941, or Kerin and Bill Fox on 0407 519 585 or 0427 362 667. The FDG would warmly welcome newcomers to the discussion groups.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 5th March 2021:



Our Lady Star of the Sea has been delegated as host to World Day of Prayer on **Friday 5th March at 10:00am**. The Theme is Vanuatu – *Build on a Strong Foundation*. All are most welcome to attend. Please contact Gerry Rainey 0417126995 if you can assist with the presentation.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 8th February – St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita (Memorial)

Tuesday 9th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

Wednesday 10th February – St Scholastica (Memorial)

Thursday 11th February – Our Lady of Lourdes (Memorial)

Friday 12th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

Saturday 13th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5

Sunday 14th February – 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

**No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**

- Aesop

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